

# CONVENTION COMES TO SUCCESSFUL CLOSE

## Splendid Addresses at Friday Night Session Heard By Large Audience

### DELEGATES BEGIN LEAVING ON FRIDAY.

**Large Number of Visitors Friday Afternoon For Men and Boys' Parade—Boys' Meeting Friday Night a Very Interesting One—Vote of Thanks Given People of Sumter—Miss Vandiver Re-elected.**

From The Daily Item, April 4.

The Thirty-sixth annual Sunday School Convention now in session in this city is doing a big work here. Daily the meetings are growing in enthusiasm, the attendance is steadily increasing at the morning sessions and at the session Thursday night the attendance was limited because of the size of the hall. Many instructive and interesting addresses are being made at all of the meetings and no doubt the delegates will return to their homes tomorrow greatly profited by what they have seen and heard, and stirred to greater endeavor in the Sunday School work all over the State.

Since Thursday morning the delegates have been steadily coming in, nor has the tide slackened at any time. This morning many visitors came in on every train and this afternoon many more are coming in for the big parade of men and boys who believe in God and the Bible.

The number of delegates who have enrolled is about 300, but more than this number is here, as a great many have not taken the trouble to register. While the number of delegates is not so large as at some of the previous meetings, the attendance upon the meetings is especially gratifying to the officers of the association. This is very encouraging in view of the fact that Sumter has only recently organized and not a great deal of time has been had for working up interest in the association.

The Thursday night session was by far the most encouraging which has yet been held. Two very fine addresses were made by Mrs. E. C. Cronk of Columbia and Mr. W. C. Pearce of Chicago to an audience which taxed the Academy of Music to its utmost. Figuratively speaking, the S. R. O. sign had to be hung out early and kept out throughout the meeting. At this every available seat in the house was taken and there were scores of men and women lined up against the walls, willing to stand in order that they might have the opportunity of hearing the speakers. Even the gallery was filled, many of the seats being occupied by ladies who could not find room elsewhere. It was estimated that the crowd numbered at least fifteen hundred or over, being in fact probably more than that, as many kept coming and going throughout the meeting.

The session was opened with a half hour's song service led by Messrs. Tullar and Meredith. The hundred persons in the choir were joined in the singing by the audience and a most delightful and inspiring service it was. Following the song service devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Brown of the First Baptist Church of this city. He read a selection from scripture and led in prayer.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Lutheran field worker of Columbia, was the first speaker and she held her audience spell-bound from start to finish. Her address was especially interesting and inspiring to her large audience and was extremely helpful for those engaged in the Sunday School work. Her subject was "A Teacher Who Teaches" and Mrs. Cronk showed that she had a full knowledge and grasp of the subject. She showed her audience that she was filled with enthusiasm in the work, or as she put it "A teacher must be full of enthusiasm for her work three hundred sixty-five days of the year or she cannot hope to arouse enthusiasm in others." Her address was practical and eloquent of apt illustrations and very appropriate. She showed that one must have perseverance, enthusiasm and power before he could be "A Teacher Who Teaches." "They say that opportunity never comes but once," said the speaker, "But this is a mistake. It comes a second time again and again in the shape of a little child who can be taught the things that we have missed."

Mr. W. C. Pearce spoke on "Dividends on Our Investments." "If we live right, we will die right" said the speaker. The speaker showed that it was as we invested our lives for God that we received dividends. "The greatest question of the hour," said the speaker, "is, How do you expect

to invest your life today, tomorrow, in the future?"

Mr. Pearce stated that the Sunday School movement was large enough and interesting enough to challenge the largest minds, the brightest intellects and the largest lives. "Education and culture and commerce are necessary to a great nation," said the speaker, "but they will not make it permanent. A nation never become great without great lawyers and magnificent laws, but this did not make it permanent. The corrupt citizenship causes the fall. Christian citizenship alone will make the nation permanent. Christian education is vital to the country and the Sunday School is the University of God's work. The safety of our nation lies in the Christian life of her citizens, the investment of one self in the teaching of God's word."

Mr. Pearce closed his address by stating that there were many things about the South Carolina Sunday School Association that might be improved and there were many things of which the association might be complimented on. He complimented the association on having a woman like Miss Vandiver to carry on the field work, saying that there was no other one like her that he knew of. He then called for the pledges of the county organizations for carrying on the Sunday School work in the State.

The list was commenced by Spartanburg which pledged \$500. Other counties were called upon in alphabetical order, the president or other officer of the association responding and naming the amount which their association would pledge. A number of the counties were not ready to respond yet, while others had no regular county Sunday school organization in them. Sumter county pledged for the convention and for the work \$300.

Following the pledging by counties, individual pledges were called for and the amount already pledged was considerably increased. One individual gave \$100 for carrying on the work, the largest individual pledge which has ever been given to the association.

When counted up it was found that the total of pledges amounted to \$3,228.80, while the cash collection amounted to \$118.61, making a total of \$3,347.41.

#### THE MORNING SESSION.

The Friday morning session of the convention was as well attended as any of the other sessions, except that of Thursday night. There were a number of interesting addresses and the usual song service and scripture reading at the commencement of the exercises. During the session officers for the ensuing year were named by the nominating committee and elected by the convention.

The program was followed out as already given. The meeting was opened by a short song service led by Messrs. Tullar and Meredith, after which Rev. C. A. Freed, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia read a selection from the scripture and led in prayer.

Addresses were on "The Field and the Task," by Mr. J. M. Way, of Spartanburg; on "Recruiting the Sunday School Teaching Force" by Prof. L. T. Baker of the University of South Carolina; "The Forward Step," Judge Joseph Carthall, Tennessee; and "The World's Convention, Zurich, Switzerland," by the Rev. W. I. Herbert, presiding elder of the Sumter District of the Methodist Church. Several of the addresses were extremely interesting and no doubt proved exceedingly helpful to the Sunday School workers present.

#### Officers.

Following the addresses of the morning, the reports of committees were called for. Of these reports, that of the nominating committee was by far the most important to the convention and the Sunday School workers of the State. The following officers were nominated by the committee and elected by the convention to serve for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. Walter I. Herbert, Sumter.

Vice-president, Cullen Sullivan, Anderson.

Secretary, Rev. D. D. Jones, Easley, re-elected.

Assistant Secretary, W. A. Harrison, Columbia.

Historical Secretary, Chester F. Harris, Spartanburg.

Treasurer, S. T. Reid, Spartanburg.

Department Superintendents: Elementary, Mrs. S. N. Burts, Spartanburg.

Secondary, Prof. H. A. Wise, Columbia.

Adult, Paul Quattlebaum, Conway.

Teacher Training, Rev. F. W. Gregg, Rock Hill and Prof. L. B. Haynes, Wilkinsville.

Home, W. A. Harrison, Columbia.

Home Visitation, Rev. J. E. Coker, Charleston.

Missions, Mrs. S. T. Lanham, Spartanburg.

Temperance, Dr. Joseph Quattlebaum, Columbia.

Prof. T. W. Keitt of Clemson College was re-elected chairman of the executive committee.

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**Ringed Address Made by Dr. S. C. Mitchell of South Carolina University at Close of Great Sunday School Parade—Splendid Enthusiasm Shown by Spectators.**

The big feature of the thirty-sixth annual Sunday School Convention which came to a close here last night after a very successful meeting was the men and boys' parade Friday afternoon. The enthusiasm shown by the marchers and spectators was something splendid. Never before in the history of the city has such a manifestation of their belief in God and the Bible, of their belief in the permanency of the religion of Jesus Christ, been seen in this city. The parade was something good to see and those who watched were encouraged to do greater things for the Master, to work harder than ever before to push on the Sunday School work of the world.

The parade was formed at the corner of Main street and Oakland avenue, as had been announced, and the line of march extended for nearly three blocks. There were more than five hundred men and boys in the line as it marched up the street at the appointed signal. There was applause from the crowds of spectators who lined the sidewalks all along the streets through which the parade passed and the graded school square was crowded for more than two hundred feet around the band stand where more than two thousand people gathered to hear a ringing address by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, which came at the close of the parade.

The lines were formed by the committee in charge, consisting of Messrs. W. M. Scott, chairman; R. T. Brown and J. A. McKnight and the order for march was given shortly after four o'clock, the time scheduled for the parade to begin.

The parade was headed by the Sumter Band which gave some splendid music as it marched up the street. Next came the people of Sumter, with Messrs. R. I. Manning, T. B. Fraser, S. H. Edmunds and Bartow Walsh leading the line, and with them many of the delegates to the Sunday School Convention. Then came the Lee county representation with their banner, more than fifty being present from Sumter's sister county to join in the religious demonstration. Hartsville, and Darlington followed with numerous representatives from Darlington county, Marlboro representatives bearing a banner "The Men of Marlboro Will Stand by the Bible," also joined in the line of march. The Boy Scouts followed the men in the line and with them were many of the small boys of the city, not attached to the Boy Scouts. Game Cock Troop came first with more than a hundred in line and following them was the troop from Columbia, with fifty boys in their ranks. Coming at the end of the procession were many of the high school boys of the city, all of them carrying Sumter pennants.

The line marched up Main Street to Calhoun turned up to Washington and thence down to the graded school green where the men and boys gathered, with those already assembled there, around the band stand from

duced, but declined to give his address which was postponed from the day previous.

A resolution of gratification was passed at the action of the State in refusing the publication of further liquor advertisements in its columns.

A roll call was taken of the counties and a report received from each so that those which had attained the highest degree of efficiency might be awarded banners at the Friday night session.

The report of the enrollment committee showed 269 delegates from 178 schools.

The treasurer's report was received.

The report of the auditing committee commending the treasurer in the fidelity with which he performed his duties was adopted.

The invitation presented by Mr. Cullen Sullivan of Anderson, for the convention to meet in that city next year was accepted with a big majority. J. T. Fain, of Rock Hill, also extended an invitation for the convention to meet in Rock Hill.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted with enthusiasm.

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Mr. Pearce called attention for the necessity of adequate training in the work, calling attention to the training school at Lake Geneva, Wis.

which Dr. Mitchell delivered his address.

Dr. Mitchell was introduced by the Rev. J. B. Green of Greenwood, the president of the State Sunday School Association.

"A better column was never formed than that formed here this afternoon," said Dr. Mitchell in opening his address. He spoke of the vast resources of the country, saying "the country has nothing to fear as long as these last. The people are just beginning upon the appreciation and use of them. The country has nothing to fear from foreign foe. But there is a danger the country has to fear. If the country falls it will be because of lack of character and the condemnation will be of God." The speaker said that the significance of the parade was in the fact that the men saw the necessity of teaching their children in the Sunday School.

The speaker referred to the good work which was being done by the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls and hoped that these organizations would last long and prosper and spread over the whole world. It was through them that all of the social chasms would be closed, not through the men and women. It was only by putting into this chasm the best of the nation, her boys and girls that it could ever be closed.

The function of the Sunday School was the biggest of any organization in the world today it was the largest field of usefulness, for it was there that the minds of the children were moulded, it was there that the essentials of Christianity must be taught. "Time brings changes," said the speaker, "but there is one thing that will never change, which will last as long as the world, and that was the personality of Jesus Christ and the great message which he came to proclaim." The fruits of the Sunday Schoolwork today will not be seen for a quarter of a century, but a glorious harvest will be seen then.

The speaker said that he believed in the Big Four, the Bible School, the Public Road, the Public Library and the Public.

"Christianity is not a science, it is not a book, it is not a philosophy, but it is the life of Christ reproduced in other lives." Jesus always referred to the truth as a seed, something that had life in itself, something which was filled with dynamic power, thus it was with the Sunday School, it should be the seed which gives life to Christianity in the State, the Church and the people.

Dr. Mitchell's address was heartily applauded by his large audience. Following it a stanza of America was sung and the audience dispersed.

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